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Setting Up

Add Sonica Wi-Fi Speaker

- **Wireless Connection**

1. Once you’ve completed the steps in our Quick Start Guide, open the Sonica app on your mobile device and tap “Add Sonica”.
2. Choose “Add Sonica Speaker” from the list of options.
3. Choose “Wi-Fi Connection” from the list of options.

4. Enter the password for the Wi-Fi network (if applicable), then tap “OK” on the upper right corner.
5. If you are connecting to a hidden network, tap the “here” link in orange. Select the security protocol for the Wi-Fi network then return to the previous page and tap “OK” to continue.
6. The app will search the network for speakers and display them in a list. You can then tap on the circle to the left of the speaker name to add a single speaker or multiple speakers simultaneously. Then tap “Add” on the upper right corner to add the speakers to the system.

7. The app will confirm that setup is complete. Congratulations, now you can enjoy your favorite music with Sonica Wi-Fi Speaker!

- Note: Tapping on 🎧 to the right of the speaker name will play a tone through the speaker to help you distinguish different Sonica speakers from each other.
• Ethernet Connection

1. If a Wi-Fi connection is not available, a wired Ethernet connection is a viable alternative. Open the Sonica app and tap “Add Sonica”.
2. Choose “Add Sonica Speaker” from the list of options.
3. Connect your Sonica speaker to a router with an Ethernet cable, and then choose “Ethernet Connection” from the list of options.

4. The app will search the network for speakers and display them in a list. You can then tap on the circle to the left of the speaker name to add a single speaker or multiple speakers simultaneously. Then tap “Add” on the upper right corner to add the speakers to the system.

5. The app will confirm that setup is complete. Congratulations, now you can enjoy your favorite music with Sonica!

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Add Sonica DAC

- **Wireless Connection**

1. Once you’ve completed the 1-4 steps in the Sonica DAC User Manual Network Connection section, open the Sonica app on your mobile device and tap “Add Sonica”.
2. Choose “Add Sonica DAC” from the list of options.
3. Follow the in-app instructions and tap “OK” to continue.
4. Choose “Wi-Fi Connection” from the list of options.
5. Enter the password for the Wi-Fi network, and then tap “OK” on the upper right corner.
6. If you are connecting to a hidden network, tap the “here” link in orange. Select the security protocol for the Wi-Fi network and then return to the previous page and tap “OK” to continue.
7. The app will search the network for Sonica DAC and display it below. You can then tap on the circle to the left of the device name to add a single Sonica DAC or multiple Sonica DACs simultaneously. Then tap “Add” on the upper right corner to add Sonica DAC to the system.

8. The app will confirm that setup is complete. Congratulations, now you can enjoy your favorite music with Sonica DAC!
• **Ethernet Connection**

1. If a Wi-Fi connection is not available, a wired Ethernet connection is a viable alternative. Open the Sonica app and tap “Add Sonica”.

2. Choose “Add Sonica DAC” from the list of options.
3. Follow the instructions and tap “OK” to continue.
4. Connect your Sonica DAC to a router with an Ethernet cable, and then choose “Ethernet Connection” from the list of options.
5. The app will search the network for Sonica DAC and display it below. You can then tap on the circle to the left of the device name to add a single Sonica DAC or multiple Sonica DACs simultaneously. Then tap “Add” on the upper right corner to add Sonica DAC to the system.

6. The app will confirm that setup is complete. Congratulations, now you can enjoy your favorite music with Sonica DAC!
Devices

Overview

The “Devices” page will display a list of Sonica devices that have been successfully configured, and will show whether they are currently operating as an individual device or as a group of devices.

1. Tap the “+” to add additional devices to the system, check the stereo pair settings, or stop all devices from playing.

2. The name of each Sonica device and stereo pair will appear as an individual device in the list, while device groups will be listed by group name. To see what devices make up a particular group, tap the arrow icon located below the group name.

3. Tapping on the name of a device or group will allow you to enter the “Device Grouping” menu, “Rename” the device or group, or enter the “Create Stereo Pair” menu.
Adding Additional Speakers

1. Tap the “+” on the upper left and select “Add Sonica”.
2. Follow the steps in the initial Setting Up section. In this case, you will not need to re-enter the network password with Wi-Fi connection.
Device Grouping

- **Group Sonica Speakers**

1. Tap on the bar that shows the device name and select Device Grouping.
2. Select the devices you want to group together by tapping the circle to the left of each device, and then tap “OK” to confirm your selection. The device you initially tapped on to select Device Grouping will be designated as the default “Group Leader”.
3. To disband the group, enter the “Device Grouping” page and deselect each box until only one device has a check mark, and then tap “OK”.
• **Group Sonica DAC with Speakers**

1. Follow the same steps in the Group Sonica Speakers section to group a Sonica DAC with Sonica speakers.

2. Adding Sonica DAC to a speaker group will make it the only source for Bluetooth and AUX IN for the group, and only audio from streaming (streaming services, USB Type A, DLNA, mobile device local library), Bluetooth, and Aux-In can be played simultaneously on all devices. For audio from USB B Type, coaxial, and optical inputs, in order to maintain the highest possible audio quality, audio is routed directly into the ES9038PRO Sabre DAC chip. It is therefore not possible to stream audio from these inputs to other Sonica speakers on the network.
Renaming Devices

1. Tap on the bar that shows a device name and select “Rename”.
2. Select a name from the list of presets, or enter a unique name for your device. Tap “OK” to confirm.
Creating a Stereo Pair (Same model speakers only)

1. Tap on the bar that shows a device name and select “Create Stereo Pair”.

2. Tap on the left speaker entry field to display a list of speakers that are available to be configured in a stereo pair, and then choose a speaker from the list. Complete the same steps for the right speaker to designate the stereo pair. If necessary, you can quickly swap the left and right speakers by tapping the “Switch” icon to the right of the speaker selection.
3. Tap “OK” to configure. Once the stereo pair has been created, the app will display the new speaker name for the stereo pair.
Separating a Stereo Pair

1. Tap on the bar that shows the name of your stereo pair and select “Separate Stereo Pair”.
2. On the next page, tap “Separate Stereo Pair” and then tap “OK” to confirm.
Checking Stereo Pair Connections

You can check the connection status of each speaker in a stereo pair.

1. Tap the “+” on the upper left, and then select “Stereo Pair Settings”.
2. In Stereo Pair Settings page, you can either create a new stereo pair by tapping Create Stereo Pair button or dismiss the current stereo pair by tapping the name of your stereo pair with (Left + Right) appended to the title.
3. The name of your stereo pair will display a “?” if one of the speakers has lost its connection, but you can still separate them under this circumstance.
Remote Control (Sonica DAC only)

1. Tap on the bar that shows the Sonica DAC’s name and select “Remote Control”.
2. The Remote Control interface provides the following functionality:
   1) Tap on the source icon (USB DAC, OPTICAL, COAXIAL or AUX IN) in the Source Selection section to select which source you want to listen to.
   2) Tap on the option bar (High, Dim, or Off) in the Dimmer section to control the display intensity of the front panel Vacuum Fluorescent Display (VFD) information window.
   3) In the Volume section, tap on the Mute switch to enable or disable volume mute, and drag the slider of the volume progress bar to control the output volume.
   4) Tap on the Turn Off Sonica DAC button to turn off the current Sonica DAC.
Music and Favorites

Overview

You will see the Music page after configuring your speakers. The app allows you to browse and play music from included streaming services, music files saved on your mobile device, media servers on your home network, or USB drives plugged into any of your Sonica devices.

1. Spotify – Streaming service that provides millions of songs with Spotify Premium Connect.
2. TIDAL – Streaming service that provides Hi-Fi quality music.
3. On This Mobile Device – Any music files stored directly on your mobile device.
4. Network Playback – Music stored in the media servers on your home network.
5. USB – Music files found on hard drives plugged into any Sonica speakers or Sonica DAC in the configuration.
6. Aux In – Music playback devices connected to Sonica via Aux In cable.
8. Minibar – Displays the music currently playing.
Global Searching

You can search across your local library, USB drives, and Tidal.

1. On the Music page, tap the icon on the upper right.

2. On the next page, tap a category tab for “Artists/Albums/Songs/Playlists/Radio”, and then enter a search keyword to search through your music.
Using Tidal

1. Launch the Sonica app and tap “Devices”. Select your desired device or group by tapping the dot to the left of the device name.
2. Tap “Music” and select “Tidal”. Login with your Tidal account. Tap on a song to begin playback.
3. Tap on the menu button on the upper left corner and go back to the Music page by tapping Exit.
Play Music from Your Mobile Device

1. Launch the Sonica app and tap “Devices”. Select your desired device or group by tapping the dot to the left of the speaker name.
2. Tap “Music” and select “On This Mobile Device”. All songs are sorted either by Artist or Album, or you can browse each individual song under Songs. Tap on a song to begin playback.
3. An alternate way to play a song from your mobile device is to tap “Music” and select “On This Mobile Device”. On the right side of each song, there is a “…” button that will display more options. Tap “Select a Device to Play” from the menu that appears, and selects a device or group to play your desired song.
Network Playback

1. Launch the Sonica app and tap “Devices”. Select your desired device or group by tapping the dot to the left of the device name.
2. Tap “Music” and select “Network Playback”. The page will list all of the DLNA servers in the same network. Tap on a song to begin playback.
USB Storage Playback

1. Launch the Sonica app and tap “Devices”. Select your desired speaker or group by tapping the dot to the left of the device name.

2. Tap “Music” and select “USB Storage”. Tap on a song to begin playback.
AUX IN

You don’t need to use the Sonica app for AUX IN Playback. However, you can check to see if the AUX IN input port is enabled (i.e. the currently playing source) in the Sonica app when needed.

1. Connect the Aux In cable to both your source and Sonica devices.
2. The Aux In input port if plugged in should be enabled automatically if there are no other playing sources.
3. In case the Aux In input port is not enabled automatically, launch the Sonica app, tap “Music” and select “Aux In”. Tap on the name of a desired device and then tap “OK” on the upper right corner to enable the Aux In input port.

4. An alternate way to enable the Aux In input port without the app is to unplug and re-plug the cable at the Sonica device end.

5. When the Aux In input port is enabled, you can see “Aux” appear under the device name in the “Devices” page.
Now Playing Panel

The Now Playing Panel displays song information and provides playback controls. Enter the Now Playing Panel by tapping the minibar on the bottom.

1. Display Information - Shows information on the current song playing, such as the name of the song, artist, album, and cover art. The time bar indicates the duration and elapsed time of the current playing song.

2. More Options - Change which speaker or group of speakers will play the current song by tapping the speaker name and selecting a new speaker or group; add the song to your favorite by tapping the star; tap “…” to add the song to a playlist; or share what you’re playing to social media.

3. Playback Control - Operations like play, pause, skip forward / backward, switch playing pattern, volume, and view playing queue. Skip backward brings you to the previous song if tapped within the first 3 seconds of the song; otherwise, it restarts the currently playing song.
Group Volume Control

In the Sonica app, you can adjust the volume by pressing the volume buttons on your mobile device or adjusting the volume bar in the “Now Playing Panel”. There is an arrow icon on the right side of the volume bar.

1. Tapping the arrow icon will take you to a page that allows you to control the volume of each speaker in the group individually, or synchronize them all to the same volume level by tapping the “Volume Sync” switch.

2. Use “+” and “−” to precisely adjust the volume.

3. The volume of Sonica DAC is individually controlled and will not be affected by the Volume Sync switch.
Creating Playlists

Creating a playlist in Favorites will help you save and classify music that you have already enjoyed. To add songs to playlists, you can simply tap the “…” in the Now Playing Panel, tap “Add to Favorites / Playlist” and select an existing playlist to add the song to that playlist.
DSD File Playback on Sonica DAC

Please refer to the User Manual Specifications section for supported DSD formats for all Sonica DAC input ports. Sonica Wi-Fi speakers do not natively support DSD, so you would need to run a DLNA server on a NAS or computer that will transcode the DSD file into something like 24-bit/88.2 kHz or 192 kHz PCM. This will allow the Sonica speaker to play back the audio through the network.
Streaming From Other Apps

Spotify Premium Connect

Spotify gives you instant access to millions of songs. Just search for the music you love, or let Spotify suggest something great.

You will need a Spotify Premium subscription to use Spotify Connect.

How to use Spotify Connect

1. Add Sonica to the same Wi-Fi network as your phone, tablet or PC.

2. Open the Spotify app on your phone, tablet or PC, and play any song.

3. If you’re using the app on a phone - tap the song image in the bottom left of the screen. For tablet and PC move to step 4.

4. Tap the Connect icon 🎧

5. Pick your Sonica device from the list. If you can’t see it, check to ensure it’s connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your phone, tablet or PC.
**AirPlay**

1. Ensure that your AirPlay compatible device is on the same network as your Sonica device.

2. Start playing a song from your local music library or a music streaming app on your AirPlay compatible device, then tap the “AirPlay” button in the iOS Control Center or in the iTunes app on personal computers, and select a Sonica device to stream to.
DLNA

1. Ensure that your device is on the same network as your Sonica device.
2. Open an app that is DLNA compliant, start playing a song in the app and select a Sonica device to cast to. DLNA casting support will vary for different devices and apps.
Bluetooth

You don’t need to use the Sonica app for Bluetooth playback. However, you can check to see which Sonica device is currently connected to a particular mobile device under the “Music” page and “Bluetooth”. Enable Bluetooth on your mobile device and then pair it with the Sonica device. Play music from your mobile device either through its local library or other apps.
# Settings

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Bluetooth

For Sonica Wi-Fi Speakers

1. To pair the Sonica Wi-Fi speaker to a mobile device via Bluetooth, activate Sonica’s pairing mode by pressing the and buttons on the speaker simultaneously or by enabling the “Pairing Mode” in “Settings” within the Sonica app. When the “Pairing Mode” is enabled, the Bluetooth status indicator will flash white for two minutes and the speaker can be paired with a Bluetooth device. When Sonica is in pairing mode, enable Bluetooth on your device and pair it with Sonica; the Bluetooth status indicator will become solid white when it has been paired and connected successfully. Sonica will leave its pairing mode after two minutes if pairing is unsuccessful.

2. For devices that have already paired with Sonica, enable Bluetooth on your mobile device and choose Sonica under paired devices to connect and start streaming.
For Sonica DAC

1. To pair Sonica DAC to a device via Bluetooth, you can activate Sonica DAC’s pairing mode by selecting “Enter Pairing Mode” from the “Bluetooth Connection” screen or by enabling the “Pairing Mode” under “Settings” within the Sonica app. When the Pairing Mode is enabled on Sonica DAC, enable Bluetooth on your device and pair it with Sonica DAC according to your device’s instructions. Sonica DAC’s Front Panel Display will show the device name when pairing is successful. Sonica DAC will exit Pairing Mode after two minutes if pairing is unsuccessful.

2. For devices that have already paired with Sonica DAC, enable Bluetooth on both Sonica DAC and your mobile device, choose Sonica DAC under paired devices to connect, and start streaming.
Aux In (For Speakers Only)

Aux In settings include “Auto Playback” and Aux-In Devices with Gain Settings.

1. When “Auto Playback” is enabled, Sonica will automatically play the music from the Aux In whenever you connect an Aux In device.

2. Gain Settings help prevent your speakers from being too loud or too quiet. Select the gain level best suited for your source device. Suggestions for which gain mode to choose are provided for Low and High gain modes.
Sound Optimization (For Speakers Only)

1. Tap “Guide Me” for recommended sound optimization presets by answering a few questions about your room size and speaker location.

2. Tap “Recommended Optimization” to apply the recommended preset to your speaker.
Sleep Timer

1. Set up the sleep timer by selecting your desired Sonica device and setting a countdown time, then tap “Start” to initiate the timer.

2. The selected Sonica device will stop playing when the countdown ends. To cancel the timer, go back to the Sleep Timer page and tap “Cancel”.

![Sleep Timer Setup](image1)

![Sleep Timer Cancel](image2)
Status LED Indicator Settings (For Speakers Only)

1. You can turn the speaker status indicator and mood light on and off by toggling the “Status LED Indicators” switch.

2. You can also change the display mode of the mood light to Breathe (which makes the light fade in or out) or Constant (which makes the light remain lit).
3. Enter the Color page to change the color of the mood light. There are nine available colors to choose from.

4. Enter the Brightness page to change the brightness of the mood light.

5. If you want to apply these indicator light settings to other speakers, tap “Apply These Settings to Other Speakers” at the bottom of the previous page and select the speakers you’d like to use the new light settings.
Resetting the Devices

1. Reset Network Connections: This reconfigures a Sonica device’s network to the pre-setup status. This can also be accomplished by pushing 🔄 and 🥻 simultaneously.

2. Reset All Settings: This will reset all settings to default on a Sonica device without erasing its data.

3. Reset Factory Defaults: This will erase all the settings and data stored on all Sonica devices and the app, such as your playlists, speaker name, and account information.

To reset Sonica devices, select a Sonica device or group of devices in the first step, tap on one of the three reset functions, and tap OK in the prompt window.
Upgrading the Devices

Firmware is the system software that controls the features and functions of your Sonica devices. When you open the Sonica app, it will automatically prompt you to upgrade when a new version of the firmware is available. To ensure the best user experience, we strongly encourage you to upgrade to the latest firmware version when available.

There are two ways to upgrade the device’s firmware:
1. Via Network – Sonica will automatically download and install firmware updates from the internet after you confirm the upgrade.
2. Via USB – You can download the firmware files from the OPPO Digital website to a USB drive to upgrade your Sonica. Please follow the instructions on the firmware download web page.

Enter “About” – “Check For Speaker Updates”, and the system will automatically detect new firmware on the network or flash drive and prompt you to upgrade.
Upgrading the App

When you open the Sonica app, it will automatically prompt you to upgrade when a new version of the Sonica app is available. To ensure the best user experience, we strongly encourage you to upgrade the app whenever a new version is available.

1. Enter “About This App” and tap “Check for App Updates”.
2. A prompt will alert you if there is an upgrade available or if your software is up to date.